

MINNEAPOLIS AREA SENIOR WORKERS ASSOCIATION



Our Mission:

To develop a multidisciplinary community of professionals working in the field of aging who are educated, supported, and interconnected so they may improve services and advocate for older adults.

Monthly News

March 2008

March 2008 Membership Meeting

- Date:** March 27, 2008
- Location:** Terraces of St. Therese
901 Feltl Court
Hopkins, MN 55343
- Contact:** For directions call Connie Cannon – 952-960-5589
For program or membership questions call Rosemary Rohach – 612-617-4500
- Schedule:** 2:25 Registration and Networking
2:40 Business Meeting
3:15 Program Presentation
4:15 Networking and Tour
- Topic:** Blessing or Burden: How is Your Spirit Served by the Stories of Those You Serve?
- There are times when those we seek to serve energize and renew us. But there are also times when the service we once undertook out of inspiration, generosity, and joy devolves into something routine, draining and dry. In this presentation we will explore stories as a resource to combat “compassion fatigue,” to help us to work more effectively with “difficult people” and reconnect us with our own life giving passions.
- Speaker:** Judy Connolly - a hospital chaplain, organizational consultant, storyteller, and on staff at University of Minnesota Medical Center, Fairview.
- Objectives:**
1. Mine experiences with clients for personal renewal and growth.
 2. Try out a model for working with narrative to focus and reclaim your own passion. Learn a new method of inviting and reflecting on clients' stories to align with their deeper values and concerns.
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Certificates of Attendance (CEU's) available.

1 CEU credit Guest fee: \$5.00

The President's Message

Happy Spring! Oops, wishful thinking! We are so close, yet, so far.



Your Board of Directors has been busy this winter. We have been working on setting up the criteria for scholarships. We are considering giving one to two academic scholarships each year, dependent on our available resources. This project is pretty close to completion and we'll be introducing the criteria at one of our upcoming membership meetings.

The joint Public Policy Committee has been very active this year. Many members attended the legislative meeting on dementia at the state office building. It was a great turnout. This committee has gone well beyond expectations to keep all of us up to date on legislative issues through email, newsletter articles and town meetings. I want to personally thank all of you serving on the Public Policy Committee. You have been strong advocates for the elderly population we all serve. I know this committee will impact the rights and services to the elderly if their enthusiasm continues and they can encourage more of our membership to participate in their efforts. We invite all of you to join this effort.

Sincerely,

Linda Debner

MASWA President

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ANNUAL SPRING LUNCHEON



A heads up, members! Our annual spring luncheon and membership meeting will be held on May 15th at the Reserve in Plymouth. Block the date and plan to attend. More information & registration form coming soon!

FEATURED BOARD MEMBER OF THE MONTH: Connie Marsolek

I have always worked with seniors! Even my part time job in high school was working in a senior high rise in the dining room as a waitress/hostess. I have my masters degree in social work and have worked in a nursing home, assisted living, and home health care. I have worked part-time for Park Nicollet's Center for Senior Services since 1998. I live in Savage with my husband, 9 year old daughter, and 6 year old son. I love attending my kids activities and playing games with them, reading, walking/biking, and scrap booking (although I am years behind on it!!)

I have been a member of MASWA for about 15 years. I have been chair of the Education committee for almost 2 years. MASWA has always been a fantastic organization to gain more education, network with colleagues, and meet great people.



Be sure to visit our website at www.seniorworkers.org for upcoming meetings & events, helpful links, public policy info and more!



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